(Rs. in Lakhs)

Company/ Year	Travelling (including Foreign Travel & Hotel)	Telephone (including STD, ISD & Local)	Advertisement (Promotion, tender & Publicity)	Electricity Bills (including consumption in mines under the company)	Expenses on meeting, protocol, refreshment, seminar & conference
NALCO					
1999-00	556	365	129	264	14
2000-01	722	362	218	223	52
2001-02	684	351	241	274	33
HCL					
1999-00	388.11	41.42	10.63	29.55	—
2000-01	590.47	75.54	27.79	38.67	—
2001-02	349.88	44.88	12.75	30.62	—
MECL					
1999-00	91.86	41.19	10.39	51.44	9.84
2000-01	85.87	43.60	10.36	52.77	11.95
2001-02	84.06	41.97	8.19	53.54	12.48

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Finance has been issuing guidelines for observing austerity measures including 10% reduction on non-salary Secretariat Heads. The Department of Coal, Department of Mines and PSUs have been observing these guidelines and a strict control has been exercised to maintain austerity.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply given in parts (b) & (c) above.

Studies carried out to find diamond mines

2107. DR. T.SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether seven international companies which have carried out field studies scanning for diamond mines in Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh including Andhra Pradesh have found that Andhra Pradesh will be the place where researchers could stumble upon diamond mines;

(b) if so, whether any full report have been received from these companies; and

(c) if so, to what extent diamond mines have been found in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Under Section 5(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act), only an Indian national or a company registered in India can be granted a reconnaissance permit for exploration of minerals. On the recommendations of the State Governments approvals have been given by the Central Government under Section 5(1) of the MM (D&R) Act, 1957 for grant of reconnaissance permits in favour of private Indian companies many of which are subsidiaries formed by multinational companies. 58 Reconnaissance Permits have been approved for diamond and associated minerals in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa States.

The concept of reconnaissance permit has been introduced in the Act with effect from 20.12.1999. Reconnaissance Permits are granted for a period of three years. The full report of the work undertaken by the reconnaissance permit holder is required to be submitted by him within three months of the expiry of the permit or abandonment of operations or termination of the permit whichever is earlier. The first approval for grant of reconnaissance permit has been conveyed by the Central Government on 25.7.2000 and hence final reports are yet to be received by Indian Bureau of Mines, from reconnaissance permit holders.

Preparation of prospective Olympic Medal Winners by Army

2108. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has sanctions Rs. 60 crores for army to prepare a medal winning team for 2004 Olympic games in Athens, Greece;

(b) if so, whether the army authorities have started selection of players and athletes etc. and started training in this regard;

(c) the disciplines in which players are being trained; and

(d) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The Government has conceptualized a sports vision for the Indian Army to take part in Olympics, 2004. A sum of Rs. 60 crore has been approved 'in-principle' for creating infrastructure, procurement of